

Selectmen's Minutes

October 2, 2018

4:00 p.m.

The Chairman, Tony Palminteri, opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Present were Selectmen, Mr. Palminteri, George Donovan, Glenn Dochtermann. Also present was Fred Holt, Treasurer, Jim Allaire, Code Officer and Joyce Wood, Administrative Assistant. Present from the public were, Arlene Carroll, John Sylvester and Tom Stonehouse.

No Public Comment

Dave Shorette, Certified Public Account of Purdy Powers & Company met to share his review and finding of the 18 month audit for the Town of Alfred. He began by stating that he understood that, although forgoing a 6 months tax bill was to make it easier for the taxpayers, it has put the town in "catch up mode that will possible take five years to adjust". He then pointed out key points of the audit, starting with the Government Funds balance sheet.

Accounts payable:

- Debt to pay the County for their fiscal year change is completed
- Unassigned fund still needs to be brought back up.
- need to keep overlay up
- accounts payable – is running normal

Revenues, Expenditures and Changes:

- Town took in more revenue than planned. Excise tax up
- Spent less than budgeted
- Reviewed accounts receivable and the Rescue charges for service

General Obligation

- 2 more payments on ambulance
- 3 more payments on transfer station
- Current debt will be eliminated at that point

Adjustments

- Minor adjustments made – 4 total compared to over 30 for most other town's audits
- Board should feel very confident in the monthly financials of the Town

Internal Controls & Best Practice suggestions

- Point made that most remain the same as last year and prior due to the size of the staff in Town Hall
- Segregation of Duties, again size of staff precludes certain internal controls that might be preferred if staff were larger.
- Separate cash drawers – not feasible
- General Journal Entries – suggestion to adopt a general journal entry policy.

Mr. Charette closed the review by stating that Alfred continues to be in good standing financially.

The minutes of the October 2, 2018 Selectmen meeting were read. Motion was made by Glenn Dochtermann and seconded by George Donovan to approve them as written. All voted in favor.

After review of a warrant, motion was made by Mr. Palminteri and seconded by Mr. Donovan to approve and sign as submitted. All voted in favor and the warrant was signed.

Income to the Park and Recreation account, Government Operations account and the unassigned account was accepted and appropriated as submitted after motion by Mr. Palminteri, second by Mr. Donovan and approval by all.

The upcoming Special Town Meeting was briefly discussed along with last week's informational meeting.

The request to open an account with Sports Engine for signups for various programs was then discussed. Mr. Palminteri made a motion to authorize that Park and Recreation use this program and to pay the initial fee of \$250 out of the Franchise Fee funded Computer account. Mr. Dochtermann seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

The Maine Valuation Return document was then reviewed. It was explained that this is filled out every year as a report of the tax assessment/commitment for the Maine Revenue Service. The document was reviewed with explanations of the entries. Mr. Palminteri asked about the entry for a parsonage. Mrs. Wood agreed to check on this entry as the parsonage has been sold. All agreed, as there is time, to bring back to next week's meeting for signatures.

The proposed 2019 State Valuation was reviewed. Alfred's proposed value is \$299,400,000.

After explanation of a personal property tax abatement, motion was made by Mr. Palminteri, seconded by Mr. Dochtermann, voted in approval by all and signed by the Board.

Two requests for training were discussed. Motion to authorize the two request was made by Mr. Palminteri and seconded by Mr. Donovan. All voted in favor that Joyce Wood take a refresher Freedom of Access class and the Steven Dochtermann attend the M.R.R.A. one day seminar/training.

The Selectmen read a letter to the owners of junkyards in Alfred informing them that on November 13, 2018 the Board will hold a Public Hearing on the re-permitting of the junkyards. All voted in favor after motion by Mr. Palminteri and second by Mrs. Donovan, to approve and sign the letter as written.

A hiring form for Christine Hilton as Fire Fighter/EMT was signed after motion by Mr. Dochtermann, second by Mr. Donovan and approval by all.

Mr. Palminteri stated that he had requested that the next item, "Weekly Smart Shopper Columns discussion" be put on the agenda. He gave an explanation that for 2 ½ years articles have been written and printed in the Smart Shopper by John Sylvester. He said that Mr. Sylvester has the right to do so. The Selectmen have not responded in like manner as it is inappropriate to spend Town funds in this manner. He stated that, while Mr. Sylvester does have every right to do this and write what he wants on a weekly basis, some of the information has not always been based on fact. He, Tony, has been approached by residents many times about various things that were written and has had to clarify or correct the information. Mr. Palminteri said that, he feels, that the record sometimes needs to be set straight. Mr. Palminteri reported that he, during a recent conversation, asked Mr. Sylvester to retract or correct something that was not factual. He went on to state that Mr. Sylvester did

so in one instance but has still not corrected a false statement about him after he indicated that he would. In this week's Smart Shopper, Mr. Palminteri said that Tom Stonehouse also wrote an article and that he has every right to do so. He explained that the statement "approximately six weeks ago the selectmen reduced all town department budgets....." prompted a resident to ask him if the Board cut budgets after Town Meeting vote which the Board is not authorized to do. Mr. Palminteri reported that he had to explain that "no" this was done back in June prior to the Town Meeting. Another example was the statement made by Tom Stonehouse about "...salt in February will be very pricy" when the price for salt is set at this time of year for the Town and the price does not increase.

He asked the other Board Members if they feel that a weekly brief discussion of these articles may be warranted to clarify information if needed and added that he just doesn't understand where this is coming from as he feels the current Boards has done some positive things for the town and gave several examples of this. Mr. Dochtermann stated that he agrees and added that he too, has been approached over the last two years many times about information written. Mr. Donovan said that he is "tired" of having to deal with this and both agreed that this would be a good item to add to the agenda each week.

Then next item on the agenda was passed over as it was on last week's agenda.

Correspondence was reviewed and discussed as needed. An invitation to attend a Roberts Rule of Order workshop given by Lee Jay Feldman of Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission was discussed. Both Mr. Donovan and Mr. Dochtermann said they would be interested.

Donna Buckley, Town Clerk, shared her end of month report for September.

Jon Lord, Road Commissioner stated that he has painted "stop ahead" at several intersections and that he stripped the parking lot at the library. He added that he donated the library work. He added that he is waiting for final confirmation from Eastern Salt on the cost of salt but was told by them that it should be less than last year's cost.

Public Comment:

John Sylvester stated that when he was on the Executive Committee of Maine Municipal that Eric Conrad from MMA gave a talk on "town's point of view" and suggested that the Selectmen contact him to discuss this.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Selectmen's Minutes

October 17, 2018

9:30 a.m.

The Chairman, Tony Palminteri, opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Present were Selectmen, Tony Palminteri and George Donovan, Also present were Fred Holt, Treasurer and Joyce Wood, Administrative Assistant. Present from the public was Tom Stonehouse.

Public Comment: Tom Stonehouse said "Let's have a good meeting".

The warrants were reviewed. Motion was made by Mr. Palminteri to approve them as submitted. Second was made by Mr. Donovan, both voted in favor and the warrant was signed.

Income to the Park and Rec account, the Unassigned Fund Festival account and the Solid Waste account was accepted and appropriate as submitted with motion by Mr. Palminteri and second by Mr. Donovan. All voted in favor and the forms were signed.

Any Other Business:

Joyce Wood reviewed the foreclosure list on the 2016 commitment. Letters from the Selectmen to those property owners who were still on the list were read. Motion was made by Mr. Palminteri to approve and sign the letters as written. Motion was seconded by Mr. Donovan, both voted in favor and the letters were signed.

Public Comment:

Tom Stonehouse said "let's have a good meeting".

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Selectmen's Minutes

October 23, 2018

4:00 p.m.

The Chairman, Tony Palminteri, opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Present were Selectmen, Tony Palminteri, George Donovan and Glenn Dochtermann, Also present were Fred Holt, Treasurer, Jimmy Allaire, CEO, Bob Tripp, Assessor and Joyce Wood, Administrative Assistant. Present from the public were Arlene Carroll, Heidi Sampson, Chad Perry, Tom Stonehouse, John Sylvester and Johanna Sylvester. Kayleen Elliot joined the meeting later.

Public Comment:

Mr. Stonehouse said that the State Police have told him that they are ready to do a Speed Detail in Alfred, willing and able so now we are just waiting on a decision from the three Selectmen.

Mr. Palminteri said that he would like to, at this time, jump forward to an item on the agenda "E-Mail Response from Lt. William Ross Re: Speed Detail" He read the e-mail which said that the State Police will not be able to do the speed details as requested by the Selectmen. He added, so you are wrong when you say that the State Police are willing to do this program. Mr. Stonehouse added "well I didn't say who said it, just that they are willing".

Motion was made to approve the minutes of both the October 9th and the October 17th Selectmen's meeting after motion by George Donovan, second by Glenn Dochtermann and approval by all.

Income to the Park and Recreation account was accepted and appropriated as submitted with motion by Mr. Palminteri, second by Mr. Donovan and approval by all.

The tax foreclosure list was reviewed. Mr. Holt explained that there are four left on the list; one the Town cannot proceed with as it is in a bank foreclosure, two are on the agenda for potential poverty abatement and the last he has been unable to contact and the certified mail has not been signed for.

A letter from Eric Grove, Forester, regarding the process for a timber cut at the transfer station property was discussed. The operation cannot take place in the normal manner because of the division of the property by a tarred road, ponds and a brook that passes through poorly drained soils. Mr. Palminteri explained that the logger who is used by the Portland Water District, because of the great care they provide, is the recommended logger for the job. Mr. Grove, in his letter gave an explanation of details of how he recommends the logging to be done. After further discussion, motion was made by George Donovan to accept the recommendations as stated in Mr. Groves' letter. Glenn Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor. Joyce Wood was directed to contact Mr. Grove.

A second letter from the Forester, Eric Grove, concerning the emerald ash borer in York County and his prior recommendation for the Brothers Beach forest to "manage it so as to reduce the proportion of ash, increase the species diversity and generally make the forest more resilient to present and future stresses" was read. He went on to explain in his letter a new recommendation, due to the emerald ash borer now found in Maine and a quarantine that may be placed by December or January to be proactive to harvest the ash timber this fall.

The Brothers Beach Chairman, Chad Perry, added that he has attended meeting and is looking into it and will be meeting with Project Canopy and the Forester of York County. Mr. Palminteri said that he is hopeful the correct action will take place before the end of the year.

The Town Clerk's minutes of the October 10, 2018 Special Town Meeting were reviewed.

A letter from Joyce Wood to all eligible employees for the Maine Public Employees Retirement System was read by the Board. A meeting is set up for November 29, 2018 with the State representative with all of the employees.

The Board read and discussed a letter from Bill Doukas, Engineer for the Department of Transportation, regarding the petition they received on unsafe road conditions on Route 4/202 in Alfred from residents. He reported, in the letter, that they plan to do a road safety audit and also reported on a potential for a meeting in November. The Board directed Mrs. Wood to contact the Southern Region Traffic Engineer, Randy Illian, to discuss a meeting time and details of this meeting.

The next item on the agenda, e-mail from State Police Lt. William Ross, was already discussed. The Board suggested that a copy of his e-mail be sent to Jean Dyer, Resident on Oak Street.

A proposal from Bartlett Tree to do the tree work on side of the Town Hall was reviewed. The Board agreed that there is not enough funds to do this work now but to put matter on pending items. Mr. Allaire reported that he has heard back from Mrs. Menelly, neighbor to the Town Hall, who agreed that work needs to be done on those trees.

The Assessors Return for the 2018 assessment of the Town of Alfred to pay the County of York \$152,372.68 in taxes was acknowledged. Motion was made by Glenn Dochtermann to approve and sign the document to pay the tax as submitted. George Donovan seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the document was signed.

After explanation of three tax abatements, motion was made by Mr. Palminteri and seconded by Mr. Donovan to approve and sign them as written. All voted in favor and they were signed.

After explanation of three tax supplements, motion was made by Mr. Palminteri and seconded by Mr. Donovan to approve and sign the as written. All voted in favor and they were signed.

Fred Holt explained to the Board that several years ago he set up a credit card for the Town through Gorham Savings Bank for \$1,500.00. He now realizes that this is not enough and is requesting to increase the amount to \$5,000.00 as it is used by all departments when needed. After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Palminteri, seconded by Mr. Dochtermann and approved by all to authorize the increase.

A proposed schedule for the office hours of the Tax Collector and the Town Clerk were reviewed and discussed. After several questions and explanation, motion was made by Mr. Palminteri to approve the schedule as submitted as of November 19th to give time to advertise the hours. Second was made by Mr. Donovan and all voted in favor.

Motion was made by Glenn Dochtermann and seconded by Tony Palminteri to call the meeting into executive session to review a poverty tax abatement request. All voted in favor and the Chairman, Tony Palminteri, called the meeting at 4:30 p.m. per MRSA A § 841 (2), to review and discuss a Property Abatement application. The meeting was called out of

executive session by the Chairman at 4:40. Motion was made by George Donovan to approve and sign the poverty tax abatement as requested. Glenn Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor.

George Donovan made a motion to call the meeting into another executive session. Second was made by Glenn Dochtermann, all voted in favor and the Chairman, Toni Palminteri called the meeting at 4:45 p.m. to review, in accordance with MRSA A § 841 (2), and discuss a poverty tax abatement request. After motion and second the meeting was called out at 4:50 p.m. by Mr. Palminteri. A motion was then made by George Donovan and seconded by Glenn Dochtermann to approve the request for a poverty abatement. All voted in favor.

An assessor's 801 form for a personal property tax account was approved by all after motion by Mr. Dochtermann and second by Mr. Palminteri. The form was signed.

After review of a veteran's exemption application, motion was made and seconded to approve and sign the form as submitted. All voted in favor.

A hiring form for Sandy Guillemette as a Fire Fighter/EMT was reviewed. Motion was made by George Donovan and seconded by Mr. Dochtermann to approve and sign the hiring form a submitted. All voted in favor and the form was signed.

Weekly newspaper articles: No discussion

Any other Business: Mrs. Wood shared a copy of a letter from Attorney Gene Libby that she received after the agenda was complete and posted, stating that she felt the minutes should reflect that this letter from Attorney Gene Libby, has been read by the Board. The letter was read. Mr. Palminteri stated that the Board should speak with the Town Attorney regarding the letter. Motion was made by Mr. Donovan to let the minutes show that the letter from the Attorney for the York County Shelter was read by the Selectmen and that Mrs. Wood will contact Attorney Rachin and request that an executive session be set up to discuss the contents of the letter. Glenn Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor.

Mr. Palminteri reported that Jon Lord, Road Commissioner, told him that because of the cold weather, the paving plants may be closing earlier than expected but he will keep the Selectmen informed. He added that he will be contacting Swenson's to discuss ordering granite curbing for the town hall parking lot.

Mr. Holt, Treasurer, reported that the speed sign has been moved to the Gore Road near the Cook's home. He said that it is in stealth mode and has recorded an average speed of 44 mph in this 35 mph posted area. 90% of the recorded traffic is over the speed limit and every day at least one vehicle is 60 mph or over. He is anxious to see, if when the visual is on, if it will make a difference in the speed. He was asked what the specs were when the sign was still on Oak Street. He reported that an average of 32 mph was recorded with 30 % of traffic going over the limit. The Board asked him to write up a memo to share this data and requested that the data be shared with Jean Dyer of Oak Street.

Pending Issues: The Board briefly discussed potential Selectmen Informational meetings and a suggestion was made by Mr. Donovan to at least try it to see if residents are interested. All agreed to hold a meeting after the first of the year.

Public Comment: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Selectmen's Minutes

October 9, 2018

4:00 p.m.

The Chairman, Tony Palminteri, opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Present were Selectmen, Tony Palminteri and George Donovan, Also present were Fred Holt, Treasurer, Jim Allaire, Code Officer and Joyce Wood, Administrative Assistant. Present from the public were, Arlene Carroll, Heidi Sampson, John Sylvester, Tom Stonehouse and Dottie Guinard.

Public Comment; Tom Stonehouse said that he would like to attend the Roberts Rule of Order Informational Workshop that was discussed at last week's meeting. It was explained to him that this is a training put on by the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission and was an invitation for the Planning Board, ZBA and Selectmen and was not open to the public.

Motion was made by George Donovan and seconded by Tony Palminteri to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting as written. All voted in favor.

The warrants were reviewed. Motion was made by Mr. Donovan to approve them as submitted. Second was made by Mr. Palminteri, both voted in favor and two warrants were signed.

Income to the Park and Rec account and to the Fueling February account was accepted and appropriate as submitted with motion by Mr. Donovan and second by Mr. Palminteri. All voted in favor and the forms were signed.

The Board read a letter from Linda Aaskov, Chair of the Alfred Parish Church Trustees. The letter was a follow up letter regarding the article to ask the Town to approve the paving of an area between the town hall and the church. This letter added the statement that the church would not be able to help with this project financially as they do not have the finances to participate.

A letter to Mr. and Mrs. Menelly, property owners who abut the town hall, in regards to trees that are against the building was read. After motion and second all approved to sign and send the letter as written.

Jim Allaire, Code Officer, reported that Noah Tucker of Bartlett Trees will send an estimate to do some work on the trees if they move forward.

The Maine Revenue Municipal Valuation Return was then reviewed. Explanation was given that an error in the report that was picked up at last week's meeting has been corrected. Motion was made by Mr. Palminteri and seconded by Mr. Donovan to approve and sign the MVR as filled out. Both voted in favor and the form was signed.

The Board briefly discussed the upcoming Town Meeting. Mr. Palminteri asked if the Budget Committee will attend and the Chair, Fred Holt, said that he has reminded them. The Board also agreed that an e-mail reminding all Committee and Department Heads be sent.

George Donovan gave a brief report on the MMA Convention that he attended including several good workshops and the Legislative Policy Committee and bills they are looking at.

The quarterly groundwater nitrate testing results send by the Alfred Water District were reviewed. All are within acceptable levels.

The Planning Board minutes of the September 17th and the October 1st meetings were read and briefly discussed.

Estimated payroll figures as required for the Workers Compensation 2019 Renewal were discussed. Motion was made by Mr. Palminteri and seconded by Mr. Donovan to approve an estimate of 2% increase over the 2017 audited payroll amount.

The Monthly report from the Alfred Fire/Rescue Department submitted by Chief Chris Carpenter was read.

After discussion of a Tree Growth Program renewal application motion was by George Donovan and seconded by Tony Palminteri to approve and sign the form as submitted.

Fred Holt, Treasurer, presented the foreclosure list stating that he has been in touch with many of the property owners with promises to pay. He said he will keep the Board updated as the list changes. He added that the foreclosure date is as of October 24, 2018.

It was reported that the speed trailer will be moved probably on this Thursday to the Gore Road. The Board discussed where this should be placed. Mr. Holt suggested keeping it in "stealth mode" for a while then turning on the lights and the flashing of the limit. The board agreed this would be a good idea.

Under discussion of weekly newspaper articles Mr. Palminteri explained that anyone has a right to write what they want but that this segment was approved as an agenda item to help to clarify or correct some of the written information if needed.

He said that he received a call from a resident in Keyword Manor who asked how much are you paving in front of town hall and the church. as she had read in Mr. Sylvester's Smart Shopper commentary, that it was " 10's of thousands of feet." Mr. Palminteri had to explain to her that the actual amount of new paving is less than 7,000 square feet.

In Mr. Storehouse's commentary this week in the Smart Shopper he wrote "So, the Selectmen want us to approve a no-bid contract" to an unknown company that may cost \$51,000 dollars" and related verbiage about possible digital mapping for the Town. In reality, explained Mr. Palminteri, the Board and staff have been working on this matter and have done research for months talking to experts and professionals in the field to best meet the needs of the Town and have received several estimated amounts on costs and details on programs. In the article Mr. Stonehouse said that the Town should adopt a policy of getting "3 bids of anything of value". Mr. Palminteri explained that does excise a Selectmen's policy to solicit at least 3 estimates when the amount is over \$5,000.00 which was approved by the current Board at his suggestion.

The "best buddy" comment in Mr. Storehouse's article, Mr. Palminteri said, was degrading and disrespectful. Mr. Stonehouse has made similar comments like this in the past and when asked has been unable to produce any evidence whatsoever.

He went on to state that the statement that "In November there will be a meeting with the town to discuss the results and how we can move ahead" referring to roads in town, has not been set up by the Board and that the Board is still waiting to hear back from the Maine State Police on the potential to participate in the speed detail program offered by them before looking at setting up a meeting.

George Donovan said that he is not happy about these ongoing articles.

Joyce Wood made a request that she not have to speak with Tom Stonehouse. She said that currently she has one of the male staff members present whenever Mr. Stonehouse meets with her and that after what was written in this week's article by Mr. Stonehouse, she is requesting that she not have to speak directly to him but that he if wants something he should set up a meeting with the Selectmen or put it in writing. A letter to the Town's Legal Council was recommended. All agreed.

There was a recess at 4:40 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 4:55 p.m. when Michelle Lord, Tax Collector shared her end of month report on taxes received as well as the vehicle registration numbers and amounts collected and the Moses (boats/ATV's & snowmobiles) figures for the month of September.

At 5:00 p.m. Mr. Palminteri, Chairman of the Board, opened a Public Hearing in accordance with MRSA Title 28 A §653, Liquor License. The license renewal is for the Oak Street Bistro. He introduced the Owner, James Marchese, who said the Bistro is open Wednesday to Sunday. Mr. Palminteri asked for any Public Comment/Questions. Seeing none the hearing was closed at 5:40 p.m. Motion was made by Mr. Palminteri and seconded by Mr. Donovan to approve and sign the Municipal portion of the State's renewal application for a license. Both voted in favor and the document was signed.

John Lord, Road Commissioner, met with the Board. He reported that he will be moving the speed sign on Thursday. He has mowed the sides of all the roads in Town and has mowed the old transfer station site on the Jordan Springs/Rt 4 Road. He reported that he has hired a company to do crack sealing on the Shaker Hill Road and on the Gore Road. The paving projects for 2018 has been completed except for six driveways. The pavers will be back to finish these.

Mr. Lord then said in regards to Tom Storehouse's' article in the Smart Shopper that the T from the Gore Road onto Route 202 had been addressed in the past at an informational meeting and those present did not want this done and that it was never put on a warrant by the then Selectboard. As to a comment about closing the Saco Road and the local D.O.T. supervisor saying that (no problem state-wise, all local), he remembers this conversation amid the discussions of changes in the village and no changes were approved by a Town Meeting vote.

Public Comment:

Dottie Guinard stated that if there was a decision made on closing the Saco Road, it should be done by town vote.

Arlene Carroll said that she would like to see positive comments made each week in the Smart Shopper.

Jim Allaire, Code Officer, said to the Board "what you're doing is great. –discussing the weekly articles so the people can go on the web site and read the minutes.

The meeting ws adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Selectmen's Minutes

October 30, 2018

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened at 4:00 p.m. Present were Selectmen George Donovan and Glenn Dochtermann. Also present were Fred Holt, Bob Tripp, Jim Allaire and Joyce Wood. Present from the Public were Arlene Carroll, Heidi Sampson, Chad Perry, Joan Sylvester, John Sylvester and Johanna Sylvester.

Mr. Dochtermann chaired the meeting in Tony Palminteri's absence.

Public Comment: None

Minutes of October 23, 2018: moved by George Donovan, seconded by Glenn Dochtermann and approved by all.

Warrants: Motion made by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Dochtermann and all voted in favor to approve as submitted. One warrant was signed.

Income: Income was approved and appropriated to the Park and Recreation account, the Assessing account and the unassigned fund after motion by Mr. Donovan, second by Mr. Dochtermann and approval by all.

Old Business:

The Board reviewed and discussed an e-mail sent by Chad Perry, Chairman of the Brothers Beach Committee. The e-mail listed a schedule for several meetings regarding the forested area of the Brothers Beach. Mr. Dochtermann said that he attended a meeting last Monday and asked Mr. Perry if he has written about the meeting. He responded that he has not had time yet.

The Federal share of the FEMA storm reimbursement to the Town from last October's storm was acknowledged by the Board. The amount received is \$11,426.48. It was noted that we will still receive reimbursement funds from MEMA (Maine Emergency Management) as well.

George Donovan reported that he attended a meeting with Brothers Beach Committee and that he was "impressed" with the idea of Scape Goats from Kennebunk. This was discussed in further detail. Comments were made by several people to include:

- Cost \$700 per ¼ acre –
- take several times before plant will die out –
- if done would be in the Spring –
- plants will be "pulled" at the same time to assist in getting rid of them with assistance from Project Canopy rep, Kim Ballard –
- discussion of goats being left outside at night –
- Suggestion of looking for a grant.

Mr. Donovan said that he would like to see more research but perhaps we should try ¼ acre to see how it works.

Jim Allaire reported that he feels the gate at the beach property needs to be hooked open because it tends to slide back into the closed position.

New Business:

Mrs. Wood gave an explanation of four tax abatements and one tax supplement. Motion was made by Mr. Donovan and seconded by Mr. Dochtermann to approve all as explained. All voted in favor and the forms were signed.

A request to purchase software entitled "Deed Plotter" in the amount of \$200 for the assessing department in Alfred was discussed. It was determined that there is a need for this and motion was made by Mr. Donovan and seconded by Mr. Dochtermann to approve the request. All voted in favor.

The Planning Board agenda for November 5, 2018 was read.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Arlene Carroll spoke on behalf of the Fueling February Committee and presented recommendations for changes to the program and policy. She reported that since its beginning, \$92,000 has been raised from cans and bottles. Seventeen Alfred families have been helped with 9 of them for a second time in 2017. The changes for this year, if the Board approves is an increase in annual income by \$500 and the change of 100 gallons to 150 gallons twice a year if needed. One other change, she explained, was to have an emergency clause where the deciding officer could make a determination to assist if extenuating circumstances warrant the approval. After further discussion, motion was made by Mr. Donovan with seconded by Mr. Dochtermann to approve the changes as written and explained. All voted in favor and the schedule and the policy were signed by the Board.

Public Comment:

Joan Sylvester said that she introduced Arlene Carroll to a representative from Kennebunk and that he went on the set up an account similar to Alfred's Fueling February. The Town of Kennebunk now gives 75 % of their funds to the York County Shelter's and other food pantries and uses the rest for the town. She commended Arlene on her service.

John Sylvester gave a "bit of history" and discussed when in the past the Brother Beach had been cut by others and himself and stated that on the left side of the property the invasive species have not grown but because of the open space created on the right side there is invasive species.

Mr. Dochtermann talked about a large oak tree on the Brother Beach property and said that the town is not sure about the property line in one area. It was noted that a survey had not been done during the purchase of the property by the Town. Mr. Sylvester said that a logger who he speaks with on a weekly basis had a confrontation with a property owner abutting this area and suggested that the logger will have the survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Selectmen's Minutes
November 7, 2018
9:00 a.m.

The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. Present were Selectmen Tony Palminteri, George Donovan and Glenn Dochtermann. Also present were Fred Holt, James Allaire and Thomas Stonehouse.

Thomas Stonehouse presented the board with a copy of an email originally sent to the board from Lt. Ross of the State Police. Chairman Palminteri asked if Mr. Stonehouse was recording the meeting to which he laughingly replied "of course". Mr. Stonehouse challenged the response from Lt. Ross that the email was not intended to mean that the State Police were not available at this time to conduct "paid traffic details". Several attempts by the chairman to explain that the email was indeed concerning "paid traffic details" were interrupted by Mr. Stonehouse. Mr. Stonehouse told the chairman to "read it close, mouth the words if you want to". At this point Chairman Palminteri called Lt. Ross from his cell phone. While on speakerphone Lt. Ross was asked if the email was concerning the current unavailability to conduct "paid traffic details", to which he replied "yes, that's correct". Mr. Stonehouse (holding his phone in the air) was again asked if he was recording the meeting. He replies "yes so others can hear". Chairman Palminteri told Mr. Stonehouse that in the future "ask us about things before attacking". Chairman Palminteri told Mr. Stonehouse "if you think I am so dishonest and untrustworthy, start a petition and have me recalled". Mr. Stonehouse replied "that's a good idea". At this point all three members of the board asked Mr. Stonehouse "what are you trying to prove with all of this"? No direct response came from Mr. Stonehouse, who then asked what is "the next step, why not get a contract Deputy"? Chairman Palminteri explained that he was not in favor of that idea at this point because of the cost of upwards of \$150,000 a year. Mr. Stonehouse said it would only cost \$130,000 but if you want to "inflate that figure that's fine, but take care of it". Motion by Donovan, seconded by Dochtermann to close the discussion and move on. All voted in favor.

Motion was made by Dochtermann to approve and sign the warrants as submitted. Donovan seconded and all voted in favor and the warrants were signed.

Income to Fueling February, Parks & Rec and Festival accounts was accepted and appropriated as submitted with a motion from Donovan, seconded by Dochtermann and approved by all.

The board read an email from MDOT concerning a Roadway Safety Audit for Route 202. All agreed that Joyce Wood will start to gather all necessary information requested as soon as possible.

The Parsons Memorial Library minutes of November 5, 2018 were reviewed. Several positive comments were made about the co-operation of the Library and Parks & Rec about recently held events.

The monthly Fire & Rescue report was read and reviewed.

Dochtermann commented that the meeting with the Brothers Beach committee and the State Forester November 5th was informative.

Under Public Comment Mr. Stonehouse asked Mr. Dochtermann if he had any problems crossing Saco Road during the Libraries Halloween celebration. Mr. Dochtermann said he and his family had no problems.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Selectmen's Minutes
November 13, 2018
4:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 4:00 p.m. Present were Selectmen Tony Palminteri, George Donovan and Glenn Dochtermann. Also present were Fred Holt, James Allaire and Joyce Wood. Present from the Public were Arlene Carroll, John Sylvester and Tom Stonehouse.

The Chairman asked for Public comment. There was none.

Dean Currier, Park and Recreation Chairman, gave an update on the Committees latest programs and events.

- Basketball – going very well- parents are signing up to volunteer
- On-line signups will start soon
- Tree Lighting and Santa visit program upstairs in the town hall will be held on December 1st - Lowe's is donating the tree for upstairs. No tree on town green this year as it was difficult getting it out.
- Ice Fishing Derby tentative proposed date to be held : Feb 9th and 10th
- New Member – Beth Day needs to be approved
- Tennis court repair and seal racks should be done by end of April 2019
- Use of the schools new process is working well

Mr. Currier turned in receipts and funds to the Treasurer, Fred Holt. The Board thanked him for his excellent work as Chair of the Park and Recreation Committee.

The minutes of the October 30, 2018 Selectmen's meeting were approved by all after motion by Mr. Dochtermann and second by Mr. Donovan.

The minutes of the November 7, 2018 Selectmen's meeting were read. Motion was made by Mr. Dochtermann and seconded by Mr. Donovan to approve them as written. All voted in favor.

The warrant was reviewed and signed after motion by Mr. Donovan, second by Mr. Dochtermann and approval by all.

It was reported that the final cost of 300 copies of the 2017/20-2018 Town Report, if the Board approves would be \$2,834.42. This would include a colored front cover and one more colored picture as part of a dedication. After discussion, George Donovan made motion to approve the cost as explained. Glenn Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor.

The Town Clerk's report on the State of Maine Votes Cast was reviewed.

Jon Lord, Road Commissioner, was present for the next agenda item "Update: Roads Issues". An e-mail from Randy Illian from D.O.T. was read and discussed. Joyce Wood reported that she has responded to his e-mail and sent him a copy of the Town Meeting minutes in 2011 when a \$100,000 article for center village road work was voted down. She said that she left a message for him to call her as the D.O.T. is looking for other historical information and they are planning to hold a meeting in late November and will need a place. The email also said that he has a couple of residents who may be able to help with a location and information. The Board agreed that any "Town" information should come from the Town officials. A spread sheet from the County giving estimates on the cost of a

contract deputy was briefly discussed. The amount given was a low of \$122,000 to a high of \$141,000.

Jon Lord reported that the Water District project on the Kennebunk Road has been completed. He said that Seth McCoy was out early this a.m. inspecting the roads and that he did treat a portion of the Gore Road. He then reported that he is hopeful that a tree company will be taking down dead trees around town sometime this week, weather pending.

Jim Allaire, CEO, gave an explanation of a Planning Board Findings of Fact on an application from a property owner on Church Street to turn a building into a home that now needs a State approval for a septic.

The Planning Board agenda for their November 19, 2018 meeting was reviewed.

Mr. Palminteri reported that he received a call from Rich Pasquini, Planning Board Chair, and was told that they are ready to hold another joint meeting on the proposed changes to the ordinance. All agreed to set a date and time for November 27th at 6:00 if the Planning Board members are available. The Board agreed that they would attend a Planning Board meeting if more convenient.

The library minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting were read. Mrs. Wood was directed to call about the progress of the elevator repair.

The monthly report for Fire/Rescue as sent by the Chief, Chris Carpenter was read.

After an explanation and discussion of an addendum to the contract/agreement between Pine Tree Waste/Casella and the Town, motion was made by Mr. Palminteri with second by Mr. Donovan to approve and sign the agreement as presented. All voted in favor and the contract was signed by the Chairman, Tony Palminteri.

Notice from Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust for the 2019 rate adjustments was reviewed. The health benefit will be going up by 4% which is minimal in comparison to past years.

After discussion of a letter requesting a meeting to fill out a questionnaire about the humanitarian needs of the Town, from Al Carlson, Massabesic Lions Club, motion was made by Mr. Donovan and seconded by Mr. Dochtermann to appoint Donna Pirone, the GA Director to speak with Mr. Carlson. All voted in favor.

Agenda for the RSU #57 School Board meeting to be held on November 7, 2018 was read.

A thank you letter to Kash for Kans was signed after motion by Glenn Dochtermann, second by George Donovan and approval by all.

A hiring form for Daulton Marriot as Fire Fighter was approved by all and signed by the Board after motion by Mr. Palminteri, second by Mr. Dochtermann.

Correspondence:

An e-mail from Chad Perry, Brothers Beach Chairman, regarding meetings about the forest at the Beach property. He said in the e-mail that the committee will meet to gather final thoughts in the next couple of weeks.

It was reported that Jeff Simpson will be chipping the brush pile at the transfer station soon.

Weekly Newspaper Article:

Statements in Mr. Sylvester's article were discussed. He placed a copy of a letter he received in his article and said that "It calls for a high level of transparency that in the writer's view, is sorely lacking" and then asked the readers "What do you think". Mr. Palminteri said that some of the comments made in the letter took place when another Board to include Mr. Sylvester was in place and that there is some misunderstanding on the part of the writer of the letter. Example: comments about the purchase of a fire engine or an ambulance. Another example: comments made by the person"a town meeting was held even after the State cancelled travel.....because the employees wanted benefits changed." ..." Mr. Palminteri then asked Mr. Sylvester if he would give the name of the writer of the letter so that the Board could reach out to him to give an explanation of some of statements made so that he is better informed of the processes. Mr. Sylvester said "no" that it is confidential.

A State Recycler License form for Flaherty's to change the name to add Genevieve A Flaherty doing business as J.R.'s Auto Sales was discussed. Motion was made by Mr. Palminteri and seconded by Mr. Donovan to approve and sign the form. All voted in favor and the form was signed by the Chairman, Tony Palminteri.

At 5:00 p.m. Mr. Palminteri open a Public Hearing for Junkyard Permits. Per Title 30, Sec 2451-2460, MRSA. The junkyards who submitted applications were:

Daney's Auto Salvage
J & J Auto Salvage
Morin Steel
Airtech Management
Roland's Motor Sales, Inc.
Jalbert's Auto Sales

Mr. Palminteri asked for public comment. Seeing none he then asked Mr. Allaire, Code Officer, to give his report on his inspections of the businesses. Mr. Allaire shared copies of his findings and said that he recommends approval of all. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:10 and motion was made by George Donovan and seconded by Glenn Dochtermann to approve and sign all permits. All voted in favor and the permits were signed by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Selectmen's Minutes
November 21, 2018
9:00 a.m.

The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. Present were Selectmen Tony Palminteri, George Donovan and Glenn Dochtermann. Also present were Fred Holt, Bob Tripp, James Allaire and Joyce Wood. There was no one from the public present.

Michelle Lord, Tax Collector, met with the Board to review her end of month report for October. The total collected for the month was \$681,071.81. This amount included Vehicle Excise, Personal Property and Real Estate taxes and snowmobile fees.

Fred Holt, Treasurer, passed out the sealed monthly bank statements. Each Board Member opened several statements which were then reviewed.

After review of the warrants, motion was made by George Donovan to approve and sign them as presented. Tony Palminteri seconded and all voted in favor. Two warrants were signed.

Income to the Park and Recreation account and to the Selectmen's fees (junkyard permits) account were accepted and appropriated as submitted after motion by Mr. Dochtermann, second by Mr. Donovan and approval by all.

An update was given on a conference call with Randy Illian, William Doukas, and Dennis Emidy of the Department of Transportation and Joyce Wood, and Fred Holt. It was reported that a list of items sent by the D.O.T. was reviewed and discussed by the group in anticipation of an upcoming meeting. The list included prior recommendations and concepts which were discussed by all. Joyce Wood, after the conference call ended, sent further information from town records on several of the items. The call ended with Mr. Illian stating that as soon as the D.O.T. has completed the assessment including the information being sent, they will contact her again to set up a time for a meeting.

Updated proposed amendments to zoning as sent by the Planning Board Chair, Rich Pasquini, were passed out. The Board agreed to review and be ready for a joint meeting next Tuesday with the Planning Board and the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

A proposed plan for future of the assessing of the town was then discussed. The first portion of the discussion was the digital mapping piece that was approved at the Special Town Meeting. After review and discussion, motion was made by George Donovan to hire Corner Post Surveying, Inc. to update the town assessing maps as presented in the proposal. Glenn Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor. The rest of a proposed package to update the town's assessing included a potential revaluation with an estimated amount of \$100,000 and a full assessing software package from TRIO with a cost of up to \$11,000. It was explained that it is recommended that a revaluation be done at least every 10 years and it was last done in 2004. Mr. Tripp, Assessor's Agent, explained the State sales ratio report and said that he has noticed that the Town's ratio has been slipping over the last two years. Also explained was that a revaluation could be done in a two year period but that the assessing package should be installed so that the new figures are put into the new system. The TRIO full assessing package will provide more data and will be easier in the future to keep updated. It will also provide the Town with better options in keeping the assessment up to date.

After further discussion the Board agreed to put these items on the 2019/2010 budget item list for discussions.

It was reported that the heater at the transfer station needs to be replaced. Several options were discussed. All were in agreement that Jim Allaire look at quotes to replace the old monitors with heat pumps.

After discussing winter storms and the closing of municipal facilities including transfer station, town hall and the library all were in agreement that the Chairman of the Board will confer with the Road Commissioner and make a decision on closing or late start. Also agreed on was to contact Burpee Sign and have a larger sign made up that can be displayed at the entrance to the transfer station when it is closed for times like storms.

A letter to a resident on the Middle Branch Drive in response to a concern and request to not put salt on the pavement just before the road turns to gravel was signed after motion by Mr. Palminteri, second by Mr. Dochtermann and approval by all. The letter stated that this portion of the road will be treated with sand/salt mix (same as the gravel portion) on a trial basis but may change during icy road conditions.

The RSU #57 agenda for November 28, 2018 was reviewed.

The Board discussed holding Selectmen's Informational meetings and agreed that the time to try a first one would be at the same night as the Planning Board's Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance changes.

A discussion followed after a request to close early on the day before Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. Motion was made by Mr. Palminteri to approve and to change the personnel policy to reflect this on a permanent basis as all had agreed to do so last year. Mr. Donovan seconded and all voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Selectmen's Minutes

November 28, 2018

1:30 p.m.

Tammy Wells, Reporter, Journal Tribune, was notified of this meeting.

The meeting opened at 1:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen Tony Palminteri and George Donovan. Also present were Fred Holt, James Allaire and Joyce Wood. Present from the public was Tom Stonehouse.

Public Comment:

Tom Stonehouse said "still waiting for my letter about not meeting with Joyce Wood." Mr. Palminteri reported that nothing has been done about this request.

Two warrants were reviewed. Motion was made by George Donovan and seconded by Tony Palminteri to approve both as submitted. Both voted in favor and they were signed.

Income to the Park and Recreation account, the Solid Waste account and the General Fund account was accepted and appropriated as written with a motion by Mr. Donovan, second by Mr. Palmieri and approval by all.

After reading a letter to John Miller of Eastern Mapping, thanking him for his service and requesting the Town's mapping linens all were in agreement to sign and send the letter after motion by Mr. Palminteri and second by Mr. Donovan.

Mrs. Wood explained a phone conversation with a resident who, during the recent storm, ended up with tree debris on his yard from a neighbor's yard. The debris was pushed off the road to clear the roadway by the Town during the storm. The resident asked if the Town would call the neighbor and ask them to take care of it. The Board agreed that this is a private matter and they should not get involved in this manner. Jon Lord, Road Commissioner was present and joined the discussion.

Public Comment:

Tom Stonehouse asked "what neighbor is this? –Mr. Ortega??" Mr. Palminteri answered "yes".

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Selectmen's Minutes
December 4, 2018

The meeting opened at 4:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen Tony Palminteri, George Donovan and Glenn Dochtermann. Also present were Fred Holt, Jon Lord, Dean Currier James Allaire and Joyce Wood. Present from the public was Tom Stonehouse, Dennis Brewster and Chad Perry.

Public Comment: None

The minutes of the November 21, 2018 and November 28, 2018 Selectmen's meeting were read. Motion was made by Mr. Donovan and seconded by Mr. Dochtermann to approve them as written. All voted in favor.

Dean Currier, Park and Recreation Chairman reported on the weekend events stating that around 40 kids participated. He received help from volunteers and parents in setting up and organizing the programs. Mr. Palminteri expressed to him that he and the committee did a great job and the Board is very grateful for his work. Mr. Currier asked if he could store supplies on the stage upstairs and all agreed that he do so. He then reported that the next event will be the winter carnival on February 9th and 10th and that they will be working with the Library on programs. Jon Lord agreed to plow out the parking area at the Brothers Beach for the fishing tournament. A recommendation was made to contact the local Fish & Game for assistance.

After review of the warrants, motion was made by Mr. Palminteri and seconded by Mr. Dochtermann to approve and sign them as submitted. All voted in favor and four warrants were signed by the Board.

Income to the park and recreation account and to the Franchise Fee account was accepted and appropriated by the Board as submitted.

After an explanation of details on the contract with Corner Post Land Surveying to digitalize the assessing maps, Mr. Donovan made a motion to approve and sign the document. Mr. Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor. The contract was signed in duplicate.

Fred Holt shared and discussed a report on the readout of the speed trailer that has been placed on Saco Road, Oak Street and the Gore Road. Mr. Holt has been setting up the software and downloading the information. A recommendation from the Board was to send a copy of the report to the Department of Transportation and to the State Police.

George Donovan introduced Jarrett Clark to the Selectmen stating that Chief Carpenter has recommended that he be appointed as the Alfred Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief. Mr. Clark gave a brief statement of his history on the Alfred Fire and Rescue departments for 15 years. He is a full-time firefighter for the Town of Sanford. After further discussion, motion was made by Mr. Donovan to appoint Jarrett Clark to this appointment. Mr. Dochtermann seconded, all voted in favor and the appointment certificate was signed.

Mr. Wood shared a quote from TRIO for the Town to install and use the full assessing package. The quote total is \$4,600.00. The Board were in agreement to put this on the 2018/2019 budget discussions.

Changes to the Personnel Policy as agreed on at the last Selectmen's meeting were presented for final approval. Motion was made by Mr. Palminteri and seconded by Mr. Dochtermann to approve and add the changes in the policy as written. All voted in favor.

The Board read a notice from Charter Communications on the quarterly franchise fee due to the Town of Alfred. The amount is \$11,531.15.

Jon Lord, Road Commissioner, reported on winter roads operations thus far with three storms already. He said that he has kept in contact with the plow contractor, Seth McCoy, who has responded promptly to include installing studded tires instead of chains and responding to concerns.

Mr. Lord said that the salt shed is now full. There has been a demand from the larger towns making it harder for him to get deliveries. He added that Foglio will be cleaning up the stockpile yard making room for snow if he needs to move any from Town.

Weekly Newspaper article: An article written by John Sylvester was discussed. Fred Holt asked that he read a statement he has written and requested that his statement be made part of the minutes of the meeting. The Board agreed that he do so. Mr. Holt read his full written statement. The Board approved incorporating it into the minutes. Following is the statement as written by Fred Holt:

"It has been stated in this room several times that everyone is entitled to their own opinion. That's very true and it is about time I expressed my own.

As a rebuttal to the factually incorrect letter in this week's Smart Shopper I would like to say that this is the 3rd or 4th time Mr. Sylvester has attempted to assassinate my character and professional reputation. In the past I have just brushed it off to someone who is frustrated that he had to quit on the Town of Alfred because of what I believe was his unethical and immoral actions of the past. But I cannot let this latest article go without a response.

This article is very reminiscent of a letter Mr. Sylvester wrote three years ago to Maine Municipal Association. That letter was directed at myself and the Town Budget Committee because, in Mr. Sylvester's opinion, the Budget Committee was trying to take more control of the budget process than Mr. Sylvester liked. I wrote a letter back to the Board of Selectmen and refuted each and every paragraph in Mr. Sylvester's letter. The matter was never brought up again.

This article's sensationalized headline and the blatant disregard for facts sends a message to the casual reader that I have set the Town on a path of financial ruin.

The first paragraph talking about Alfred's undesignated or unassigned fund is a complete exaggeration, I have been here since 2005 and never has the balance ever approached 2.5 million, the largest it ever got to was 1.9 million. Putting that erroneous number out to the general public and comparing it to the current number only makes the Town and myself look bad in the eye of the readers. Which I'm sure was Mr. Sylvester's ultimate goal.

As to the decision to fund the 6 month transitional budget thru the fund balance and not taxation was never a secret. Whenever the budget process was discussed it was always pointed out that was the path we were taking including informational meetings with departments and the general public. As to the rationale, it was determined that sending a 6 month tax bill and following that up with a full 12 month tax bill very soon afterwards would not only confuse taxpayers but cause many to think they were being taxed twice. When in fact this approach saved the taxpayer 6 months of taxation. In addition we were changing the payment schedule from a once a year payment to a twice a year payment. Which by the way we have had numerous positive comments on. And with a healthy fund balance this could be accomplished.

All discussions regarding using fund balance included an explanation that replenishing the fund balance would be something that would take time to do, I always mentioned a 3-5 year timeframe, and it may take a while longer, but in the event of an emergency we still will be able to handle that.

As to Mr. Sylvester's interpretation of the auditors' remarks on October 2nd I verified with the Town auditor yesterday that the 30-33% balance was where the Town had been in previous years. The auditor told me that he did not recall saying that is where we should be at, but rather that was where we had been and over time we do need to grow the fund balance. He stated that the general rule of thumb was 3 months of expenses which would only be 25%. We also talked

about the focus now trending to 2 months or 17% in a lot of situations. He also verified that the 2.5 million number referenced above never existed. He also said that he would not have repeated any statement four times as a way to drive home a point, as Mr. Sylvester claims he did.

Mr. Sylvester's allegation that I am not concerned with the fund balance could not be more incorrect. Fund Balance is an essential part of the overall fiscal health of the Town and is something I take into consideration whenever a fiscal question or decision takes place. Again, I will not have my professional reputation, which I have worked long and hard to achieve, questioned by someone of Mr. Sylvester's kind.

Mr. Sylvester's expectation of a written plan provided to him will not come from me, my job is to act on the benefit of all taxpayers of Alfred not just one individual who is questioning how and why I do things.

As I have laid out the several false and misleading statements in this week's article I would hope that Mr. Sylvester would correct them in his next article as he has said he would correct other false information in other articles in the past, but which he has failed to do. Instead I'm sure we will only get more of the same false and misleading statements intended to show that Mr. Sylvester's way of thinking is the only way of thinking.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my opinion.

Several comments were made to include (in brief)

- What catastrophic event could take place that would cause the Town a financial breakdown
- "I remember the auditor saying to the Selectmen" you are very lucky to have Fred Holt as your Treasurer."
- I have worked side by side with Fred during his whole time here. The town has an A+ rating with Standard and Poore and we could not have attained this without him. I stand behind Fred and his care of the financials for the Town.

A document from the Forester, Eric Grove, needing Selectmen's approval and signature for a permit to do a maintenance cut on the transfer station property was presented. Mr. Palminteri reported that the logging company will be moving in this week and also reported that Simpson's has completed the brush chipping making room for a log yard. After further discussion, motion was made by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Dochtermann and approved by all to sign the document as presented.

Mr. Donovan said "I make a motion to adjourn until 6:00 p.m. when the Board will meet with the Planning Board and the Comprehensive Plan Committee on proposed zoning changes.

Mr. Palminteri asked for Public Comment.

Public Comment: Mr. Stonehouse said "what about Pending Issues, are you going to discuss informational meetings before you adjourn?" Mr. Palminteri asked him what his public comment was and then explained that the Board had previously discussed at a recent meeting to hold an informational meeting when the Public Hearing was held by the Planning Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 until 6:00.

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was reconvened and Mr. Palminteri opened this session stating that this session of the meeting was so that members of the Planning Board and the Comprehensive Plan and the Selectmen can review and discuss the proposed changes to zoning ordinances.

Present were the three Selectmen, Rich Pasquini, Chair of the Planning Board, Linda Vaughn, Secretary, Fred Frodyma, Steven Gile, Bill Roberts, Al Carlson, Heidi Gendreau and Howard Dupee.

From the Comprehensive Plan were Amy Titcomb and Amy Sprague. Also present for the discussion was Jim Allaire, CEO.

Copies of proposed changes were shared. Mr. Pasquini went through the document and comments were made as needed. Minor changes were recommended after discussion to include changes to sign size descriptions, land use tables – mixed uses defined, setbacks to incorporate the boundary lines was questioned and discussed with all agreeing to speak with Dana Libby of Corner Post Surveying and ask for his recommendation on where the zoning boundary lines should be drawn.

Mr. Pasquini agree to make the changes and the Planning Board will review for approval at their next meeting which will set the timeframe for Public Hearing date.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Selectmen's Minutes
December 12, 2018

The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. Present were Selectmen Tony Palminteri, George Donovan and Glenn Dochtermann. Also present were Fred Holt, Bob Tripp, Assessor's Agent, James Allaire and Joyce Wood. Present from the public was Tom Stonehouse and Lee Steele.

Public Comment: None

After review of the warrant, motion was made by Mr. Dochtermann and seconded by Mr. Donovan to approve and sign as presented. All voted in favor and the warrant was signed by the board.

Income to the Park and Recreation account, the Fueling February account and to the unassigned fund account was accepted and appropriated as submitted after motion by Mr. Dochtermann, second by Mr. Donovan and approval by all.

It was reported that the Treasure Chest Attendant resigned and this has left an open position. The Board was notified through the Supervisor, Steven Dochtermann, as the attendant left without giving notice. Mr. Palminteri reported that he contacted Arlene Carroll about the position and she told him she would take it if the board appointed her. After further discussion, Mr. Palmieri made the motion to hire Arlene Carroll to fill the position. Mr. Donovan seconded and all voted in favor. A hiring form was signed.

Other Business:

Joyce Wood shared an e-mail from Randy Illian, D.O.T. with a list of potential dates to hold a meeting. This was discussed. The Board asked Mrs. Wood to try to get a time whether during the day or evening and let the board members know by e-mail. A point was made and discussed that perhaps the D.O.T. might not be able to do an evening meeting. Also discussed was the location of this meeting. Mr. Donovan made the point that this should be a Selectmen's meeting and Mrs. Wood agreed to speak with Mr. Illian about the D.O.T. plans.

A list of businesses along the Route 202 corridor was then shared and the Board agreed to wait until we know when and where the meeting is to send notice to the businesses.

Public Comment:

Mr. Stonehouse said that the D.O.T. could probably meet at night as it is normal to use comp time like Joyce Wood does sometimes and that he would ask them.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Steel began to make a statement and all approved to open the meeting again. Mr. Steel suggested that the Board might consider the Legion Hall to hold a meeting and gave the number for a contact. He added that he believes that it has a capacity for 65 people.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Selectmen's Minutes
December 18, 2018

The meeting opened at 4:00 p.m. Present were Selectmen Tony Palminteri, George Donovan and Glenn Dochtermann. Also present were Fred Holt, James Allaire and Joyce Wood. There was no one from the public present.

The minutes of the December 4th and the December 12th Selectmen's meetings were read. Motion was made by Glenn Dochtermann and seconded by George Donovan to approve them as written. All voted in favor.

After review of the warrants, Motion was made by Mr. Dochtermann to approve and sign as submitted. Mr. Donovan seconded the motion, all voted in favor and two warrants were signed.

John Sylvester and Chad Perry, members of the public joined the meeting at this time.

Income to the Fueling February account and to the Road Maintenance account was accepted and appropriated as submitted after motion by Mr. Donovan, second by Mr. Dochtermann and approval by all.

Planning Board proposed zoning changes were discussed. The Board was sent copies via e-mail and had time to review them for this meeting. Mr. Allaire, Codes Officer, reported that, on behalf of the Planning Board, this version identified as Final Draft – December 18, 2018 are the changes and the Planning Board is requesting that the Selectmen put these on a special Town Meeting as soon as able. This was discussed by the Board and motion was made by George Donovan with second by Glenn Dochtermann to approve the request as made through the Code Officer to put the proposed ordinance changes on a Special Town Meeting and that Joyce Wood will proceed with setting up a date to be able to hold a Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting. All voted in favor.

An e-mail from Chad Perry, Chairman of the Brothers Beach Committee, with a report on the research and meetings concerning the harvesting, invasive control and the Emerald Ash Borer was read and discussed. The report gave an explanation of the committee's findings and recommendations. Added was information for proposed projects/events which the Committee may do in the future.

The Board asked Mr. Perry, who was present, if he could provide some background information on some of the items reported on and he said that while much of the information came from discussions, he would provide what he could.

The Library minutes of December 5, 2018 were read

The RSU #57 agenda for their last meeting, December 12th was reviewed.

Joyce Wood reported that the next item on the agenda "Fire/Rescue End of Month report – November" was a misprint and should be the Tax Collector's end of month report for November. This report was read and discussed.

Letters to owners of property in the State Tree Growth Program who are due for a ten year update in 2019 were reviewed. Motion was made by Mr. Palminteri and seconded by Mr. Donovan to sign the letters as written. All voted in favor and nine letters were signed.

Appointment certificates for Fire/Rescue officers were signed after motion by Mr. Palminteri, second by Mr. Donovan and approval by all for the following:

Tim Benoit, Lieutenant Co 3
Marc Cunningham, Captain
Thomas Gilman III, lieutenant Co 1
Gregory Roussin, Lieutenant Co 2

The Board reviewed the Quarterly Nitrate Testing Results from the Alfred Water District. It was noted by Jim Allaire, CEO, that one test was slightly up, most likely due to recent rain.

Tom Stonehouse joined the meeting as a public participant.

After brief discussion of a veteran's exemption, Mr. Palminteri made a motion to approve and sign as presented. Second was made by Mr. Donovan, all voted in favor and the form was signed by the Chair, Tony Palminteri.

A packet of preliminary documents regarding the 2019/2020 budget process was reviewed and discussed to include a schedule of dates and items that need to take place, a draft memo to all committee chairs and departments and an LD1 report. The Board agreed to bring this back for the next Selectmen's meeting to make decisions on moving forward with the budget processes.

Diane Gerry, York County Shelter, met with the Board to request the approval and signing of the Certification to Maine Housing Corporation by the Board to certify that the York County Shelter is, as stated: "to operate an Emergency Shelter for individual men and women; up to 37 individuals to be sheltered at this location at one time. This shelter is open 24 hours a day. Navigator services and case plans on each individual are completed to assist in obtaining permanent housing in the count. We offer 3 prepared meals a day, 365 days a year served at the site names Henry Hall cafeteria." After brief discussion, motion was made by Tony Palminteri and seconded by George Donovan to approve and sign the document as submitted. All voted in favor and the form was signed by the Chair, Tony Palminteri.

Four estimates for a mini split heat pump with heat and coolant for the Alfred Transfer Station were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Mr. Allaire, who received the estimates reviewed each one and answered any questions. He reported that "in full disclosure, I should report that one of the estimates were given by a company owned by his wife's, cousins, son-in-law." Estimates from the following were reviewed and discussed: True Comfort Heating and Cooling, LLC, two from JB Mechanical HVAC/R, and Perfect Plumbing & Heating, Inc. All agreed to add this to the 2019/2010 budget discussions and asked Mr. Allaire to check and see how long these estimates were good for.

The weekly newspaper article was discussed. Comment was made that Mr. Holt's response to Mr. Sylvester's article was well written and that good feedback has been received from residents for writing the response. Mr. Palminteri said that a mutual aid comment regarding the contract deputy program, written by Mr. Stonehouse was incorrect and needed to be corrected. He went on to say that if a contract deputy were to be called away the town would not receive hours back or reimbursement as was stated by Mr. Stonehouse. Other comments were made to this topic by the Board.

Mr. Palminteri asked Tom Stonehouse why he is making faces and giving "looks" directed at the Board when they are speaking. Mr. Stonehouse said "I am just crooking my neck." Mr. Palminteri said that it was more than that and that this has been noticed by the Board for weeks and asked Mr. Stonehouse again "why do you do this, it's very distracting and frustrating? Mr. Stonehouse said "Oh, I can't talk now."

A comment made by John Sylvester in this week's Smart Shopper "----- "What I'm actually attempting to convey to you is this: We are in the midst of a major communications problem." -----." Comments were made by the Board to include "there is nothing different here than when John Sylvester was here." and "during the Old Jail presentation all information was given more than once and was available." Mr. Allaire suggested that a lighted board be set up at the transfer station where most households go at least once a week so that all will be aware of all meetings like informational and public hearings where the information is given. All agreed that this may be a good idea and asked Mr. Allaire to price one out.

The meeting was recessed at 4:40 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 5:00 p.m. and the next two weeks Selectmen's meetings were discussed. All agreed, due to the holidays, that there will be no meeting next week, week of Christmas and that the following week the meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Donovan said that he will not be able to make this meeting due to a medical procedure.

Jon Lord, Road Commissioner, reported that the recent storm clean up went well and that changes had been made. He added that the Contractor did do some pre-treatment this time which helped. Mr. Dochtermann said that there were three accidents on Gebung Road.

The upcoming Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) meeting was then discussed. It was reported that Randy Illian of D.O.T. had asked that the Town find a venue for the meeting and Mrs. Wood reported that he agreed with the Conant Chapel which is available on January 2nd. The time will be either 12:00 or 2:00 and she is waiting to hear back from Mr. Illian on this as well as whether or not he would like the Town Selectmen to advertise the meeting. She asked if the Selectmen would authorize the \$50.00 to the Church for the rental of the Chapel. Motion was made by Mr. Palminteri and seconded by Mr. Dochtermann. All voted in favor.

Public Comment: Mr. Stonehouse said "an electronic sign—good idea." He said that he knew of another town that did this and he thought it worked well.

Jimmy Allaire said that he has had several residents ask him if the old jail will come back up for a vote. He added that just last night at the Planning Board meeting a member said that it should come back up.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.